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SUBJ: SELA UPDATE

REF: CARACAS A-42 DATED APRIL 5, 1977

1. AN EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON GUILLERMO MALDONADO LINCE,
DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONSULATION AND COORDINATION

AT THE SELA SECRETARIAT IN CARACAS ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE PURPOSE OF THE CALL WAS TO CHECK ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS MADE DURING THE LAST MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MARCH (SEE REFAIR), AND TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

2. ACCORDING TO MALDONADO, THE SELA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN IN FEBRUARY IN CARACAS (NO EXACT DATE) TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR AND ESTABLISH AN ACTION PROGRAM FOR 1978. SEVERAL TECHNICAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED IN THE INTERIM, INCLUDING:

(A) A MEETING OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE IN LIMA ON OCTOBER 17;

(B) A TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING IN CARACAS IN OCTOBER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EEC TO DISCUSS EEC SUPPORT FOR AND COOPERATION WITH SELA.

(C) A MEETING OF THE FOODGRAINS COMMITTEE IN BUENOS AIRES IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER;

(D) A MEETING OF THE MEAT AND MILK COMMITTEE IN MONTEVIDEO IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

EXACT DATES FOR THE LAST THREE MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET.

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3. SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON NEGOTIATION OF CANADIAN ASSISTANCE TO SELA. ACCORDING TO MALDONADO, AND LATER CONFIRMED BY A CANADIAN EMBASSY SOURCE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) CAME TO CARACAS IN JUNE AND NEGOTIATED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF SELA. THE LETTER IS A GENERAL STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTED STUDIES PROPOSED BY SELA ACTION COMMITTEES. THE HELP COULD TAKE THE FORM OF TECHNICAL AID, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (LOANS OR GRANTS) OR A COMBINATION OF THE TWO. THE LETTER OF INTENT IS NOW BEING CIRCULATED TO SELA MEMBER STATES, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO RESPOND BY THE END OF THE YEAR. WHEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS RECEIVED MEMBER STATE COMMENTS, HE WILL REQUEST PERMISSION AT THE NEXT MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING (IN FEBRUARY) TO AGREE TO THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL.

4. THE LETTER OF INTENT IS BY ITSELF NOT AN ACTION DOCUMENT. IT DOES NOT COMMIT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO DO MORE THAN CONSIDER PROPOSALS. INDIVIDUAL MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WILL BE NEGOTIATED, SPELLING OUT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN EACH PROJECT. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY SOURCE HERE EMPHASIZED THAT, WHILE SELA WANTED A COMMITMENT FOR \$20 MILLION, THE LETTER OF INTENT CONTAINS NO DOLLAR FIGURES. CIDA WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO PROJECTS

IN AGRICULTURE, ESPECIALLY FOOD PRODUCTION.

5. SELA HAS REPORTEDLY COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS ON THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA. THE AGREEMENT SETS FORTH THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO CARACAS.
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